

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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OPTICAL FIBRE CABLE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of targets fixed for laying Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) in Jodhpur district of Rajasthan during the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 alongwith the details of OFC cable laid during the said period;
- (b) whether the Government are likely to achieve the target this year;
- (c) if so, by when;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government propose to formulate a separate plan for laying OFC cable in rural areas; and
- (f) if so, by when?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) In so far as BSNL is concerned, Targets/Achievements for laying Optical Fibre cable in Jodhpur District during the year 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 is detailed below:

Year	Target	Achievement
1999-2000	571 RKm	70 RKm
2000-2001	705 RKm	143 RKm
2001-2002	840 RKm	193 RKm (upto November, 2001)

- (b) to (d): BSNL is not likely to achieve this target due to acute shortage of HDPE & Permanently Lubricated HDPE pipes, for which supply could be received to the extent of 10% so far.
- (e) BSNL as government PSU, has been laying OFC cable in rural areas also as per requirement.
- (f) Does not arise in view of (e) above.